

*Says he's supportive of bill but feels much more needs to be done*

(Washington D.C.) – Today the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Assistance Act which would overhaul the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program to make it more effective. The bill would extend TAA to more manufacturing workers, begin covering service sector workers, double job training funding and improve health care for workers affected by plant closures. While the bill begins to address the new realities working families face in the new economy, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) is encouraging his colleagues to take additional steps to protect America's manufacturing workers and employers.

"I am happy to see TAA get an overhaul because it will make periods of transition easier on people who lose their job," said Congressman Ryan. "But we also need to focus our attention on the root of the problem—stopping the flow of jobs to China, India and elsewhere. We need to make our products more competitive on the market by creating a level playing field in currency valuations and we need to stop all new free trade agreements until we've insisted upon basic labor, environmental and safety standards to prevent more factories from relocating."

The bill also reforms unemployment insurance by providing financial incentives for states that end discrimination against part-time workers, and provide extended benefits during approved training for high demand employment. The bill does all this without raising any taxes.

"Providing the education, training and support our workers need while they look for other employment is a necessity in this global economy," said Congressman Ryan. "I applaud the Democratic leadership for taking it seriously and hope they continue to look for additional ways

to help our working men and women.”